

Allen, 24, and Willie Robinson, 25, are charged with Ajanee's killing and with assault with intent to commit murder. Police say the shooting was prompted by a dispute over a \$40 radio.

MARCH 23—DESTINEE THOMAS, 3

Shot and killed while watching television in her bedroom when someone opened fire on her home with an AK47. Two men, Julian Key, 19, and Cedric Pipes, 21, are charged with first-degree murder. Outraged by her death, police and prosecutors launched Project Destinee, an effort to round up all members of the rival gangs they allege were involved in the dispute that led to the shooting.

MARCH 28—ALESIA ROBINSON, 16

Killed by a single gunshot wound to the face. Alesia's boyfriend, Darron Kilgore, 19, is charged with first-degree murder. According to police, Kilgore was playing with a gun on the front porch, firing it into the air. When Alesia asked him to stop, police said, Kilgore pointed the gun at her and fired.

APRIL 3—CHRISTOPHER JAMES, 11

Killed by a single gunshot wound to the head. Christopher's 12-year-old half-brother was charged in juvenile court with manslaughter and possession of a firearm. The suspect's family said the pair were playing with a gun they found in a playground and that the shooting was an accident.

APRIL 10—BRIANNA CADDELL, 8

Shot and killed while sleeping in her bed. A man on foot opened fire on her home with an AK47. No one is in custody.

APRIL 18—IRISHA KEENER, 3

Killed by a gunshot wound to the head in a murder-suicide. Police say Irisha's mother, Ira Keener, 39, shot the little girl as they lay in bed at their home. Ira Keener then turned the gun on herself. Police said Ira Keener, who suffered from severe asthma, had experienced delusions and had a mental breakdown about a month before the shooting. She left a note saying that she had to die, but did not want to leave Irisha behind.

APRIL 30—CHERREL THOMAS, 15

Shot and killed in the backseat of a car, possibly in a dispute over clothing. A 17-year-old suspect, Terrill Johnson, has been charged with first-degree murder and a 21-year-old suspect, Jesse Freeman, has been charged with second-degree murder.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred January 1, 1995 in Bedford, MA. A gay man and his companion were assaulted by men who used anti-gay slurs. The assailants, Brian Zawatski, 21, and Tim Donovan, were charged with assault and battery and civil rights violations in connection with the incident.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol

that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. SYLVIA FACTOR ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

• Mr. CRAIG. The world was a bustling time in 1922: the tomb of King Tutankhamen was unearthed, Benito Mussolini was granted temporary dictatorial powers in Italy, James Joyce's *Ulysses* was published, insulin was isolated leading to the first successful treatment for diabetes, and the Lincoln Memorial here in Washington, DC, was opened to the public. It also marked the year that a very special lady was born. Her name is Sylvia Factor.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize Sylvia on the occasion of her 80th birthday on May 17. I have met Sylvia and can say without hesitation she is a truly exceptional woman. She has witnessed a lot in her lifetime and is living proof the American dream can come true. A first-generation American, her parents immigrated to this country from Eastern Europe in the hopes of making a better life for their family.

Sylvia grew up in Wilkes Barre, PA, and the Bronx, NY, and was swept up into the war effort as a young woman. During World War II she answered the call to support her country like so many other "Rosies," by helping manufacture the Corsair airplane for the United States Marines at Chance Vought. She later supported her family by working at Columbia Records in Bridgeport, CT, and then 28 years at Raybestos-Manhattan in Stratford, CT.

Today, she is still an active member of her community, using her retirement years to contribute to the well-being of others in many forms. Sylvia volunteers at the Jewish Home for the Elderly in Fairfield, CT, and the Jewish Family Services of Bridgeport. She sets the kind of example President Bush was seeking in his call for all citizens to volunteer in their communities, and it is an example worth following.

She also enjoys visiting with her friends and family, including her son Mallory, daughter-in-law Elizabeth and grandchildren: India, Mallory III, and Cailley Factor. Today I congratulate Sylvia for all she has done, and continues to do, for her country and community. I only hope that I can be as active and vibrant as she is when I reach 80. I wish her a heartfelt happy birthday, with many more to follow.●

TRIBUTE TO VAL G. HEMMING, M.D.

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Dr. Val G. Hemming, M.D., Dean of the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health

Sciences, USUHS. Tomorrow, on May 18, 2002, following the graduation ceremonies at the School of Medicine, Dr. Hemming will mark the end of his 37 year career in Federal service.

Dean Hemming's Federal career began in the United States Air Force where he served for 25 years as a career officer and physician from 1965 through 1990. In 1987, Dr. Hemming was selected to serve as the Chair of the USUHS School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, a position in which he continued to serve as a civilian upon his retirement from the Air Force, at the rank of Colonel. In 1995, he was appointed interim Dean of the School of Medicine, and following an extensive search process, he was selected as Dean in May of 1996.

As dean, Dr. Hemming has worked to further the established mission and goals of the USUHS School of Medicine. Under his leadership, the University has continued to provide the Nation with highly qualified health professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service. These graduates leave USUHS trained to provide continuity in ensuring medical readiness and the preservation of lessons learned during combat and casualty care. This critical role is, in fact, the significant factor that led the Congress to establish USUHS in 1972.

During his career, Dr. Hemming has served as an advisor to Congress, most recently testifying before the House Veteran's Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations during hearings that resulted from the events of September 11, 2001. Dr. Hemming's knowledge and unique expertise provided valuable insight as the Committee discussed the urgent requirement for civilian physicians to be trained in the medical response to weapons of mass destruction, WMD. Significantly, those hearings resulted in proposed legislation recommending that the USUHS School of Medicine share its WMD-focused curricula with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

It is exceptional leadership such as that of Dean Hemming and the dedicated careers of his uniquely trained School of Medicine graduates, combined with the extraordinary USUHS faculty and staff, which led to the awarding of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award to USUHS by the Secretary of Defense on December 11, 2000. Dr. Hemming's commitment and leadership was also recognized in the tribute paid by the Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld who recently wrote:

The Department takes great pride in the fact that the USUHS graduates have become the backbone for our Military Health System. The training they receive in combat and peacetime medicine is essential to providing superior force health protection, and improving the quality of life for our service members, retirees, and families. All of us in the Office of the Secretary of Defense place great emphasis on the retention of quality physicians in the military. The USUHS ensures those goals are met.